

REMARKS

The claims in the application are now claims 1-28. Applicant requests that the above amendment be entered **prior** to calculation of the filing fee.

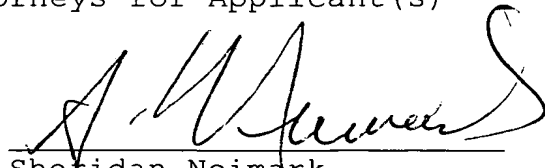
The above claim amendments are made to eliminate improper multi-dependencies so as to place the claims in a form consistent with 37 CFR 1.75(c) in order to ensure examination of all claims; to eliminate all multi-dependencies so as to reduce the government filing fee; and in a few cases to place the claims in better form for U.S. practice. The amendments are not "narrowing" amendments. The overall scope of the claims has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicant respectfully awaits the results of a first examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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